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Director of Training  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
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Dear Sir:

You have been so familiar for several years with the summer programs which have been developed here under the sponsorship of the School that it is not necessary to describe this background in detail. You will remember, I am sure, the Southeast Asia Session of 1952, Soviet Imperialism of 1953, and the others since that time which have continued the series. You will be glad to know also that the programs appear to have been growing in effectiveness. Although the 1955 session dealt again with the new nations of South and Southeast Asia, we are told by the Johns Hopkins Press that sales of the resulting book, "Nationalism and Progress in Free Asia," have been running ahead of comparable sales of the 1952 volume.

The summer of 1956 was devoted to Problems of the Western Mediterranean, and the School proposes in 1957 to turn its attention to the Eastern Mediterranean. There are many reasons for this emphasis. It always has been the aim of the School to focus attention on those regions of the world in which the tensions of international development would seem to make such a program significant. The results, as you know, have been both useful and gratifying. At the present moment the situation throughout the Eastern Mediterranean offers a challenge which is perhaps unparalleled in its opportunities for fruitful treatment. Because of this challenge and because of its already recognized interest in studies concerned with the Middle East, the School feels that no program could be a more suitable successor to those of recent years than one on the vital problems of this area.

The program will consist of a summer session of substantive courses beginning on June 24, and a conference of four days opening on Monday, August 26. It is believed that the timeliness of the subject matter will attract an unusually worth while student body to the session and will make it possible to bring together at the conference a group of participants of outstanding eminence in the field. Tentative arrangements already have been made for a summer faculty and courses as follows: Cecil Hourani, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science of the American University of Beirut: Constitutional Development in the Middle East: Problems of Nationalism and Sovereignty; Professor Jacob E. Hurewitz of

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Columbia University: American Policy in the Middle East; Walter Z. Laqueur, author of "Communism in the Middle East": a course on the same topic; Professor George Lenczowski of the University of California: The Middle East in the International Community; Robert Sethian of the Department of Commerce: Economic Problems of the Middle East. As a preliminary to the summer program, Professor Robert N. Carew Hunt of St. Antony's College, Oxford, has agreed to come to the School for the second half of the current academic year to give a course on International Communism, on which he is probably the world's leading authority. The course will be slanted toward the Middle East. In addition to the substantive course just noted, it is proposed to offer language instruction in Arabic, Turkish and Persian at elementary and intermediate levels.

For the purposes of the conference, the members of the summer faculty will be joined by more than twenty other outstanding experts to read and discuss papers on those problems of the Eastern Mediterranean which seem to be of the greatest current significance. Among those who already have expressed their hope to attend are Charles Malik, former Ambassador from Lebanon; Arnold Toynbee, author of "A Study of History," and Costi Zurayk, Acting President of the American University of Beirut. Leading scholars from this country and abroad will be invited to the conference, and it is expected that more than four hundred will be in attendance. As usual, the papers presented at the conference will be published in book form by the Johns Hopkins Press.

A program of the type described requires adequate financing in order to insure success. It is estimated in this case that an overall expenditure of \$55,000 will be necessary, and a breakdown of this amount is provided on the attached page. With the cooperation of the Department of State, the United States Information Agency, and from other sources the School is assured of approximately \$30,000 of this total figure. Bearing in mind your constructive interest and assistance in the past, I very much hope that you will be able to give sympathetic consideration to a grant to the School of the remaining \$25,000. I can assure you that in the opinion of all of us at the School, the program will not only be a worthy successor to those of recent years but will be truly outstanding in its own right.

The School is prepared to show its appreciation by providing free tuition at the course session for not more than 40 qualified members of your staff, by making available 100 invitations to the conference, and by supplying you with 50 copies of the book containing the conference papers.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Philip W. Thayer, Dean

Enclosure

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## SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

1957 Summer Session Budget

Scholarships	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Salaries:		
Director	1,000	
Visiting lecturers	9,000	
Honoraria for special lecturers	<u>2,000</u>	12,000
Travel and maintenance of lecturers		6,000
Administration		
Prior to July 1		4,000
After July 1		5,000
Library Books		1,000
Plant		1,000
Miscellaneous, including preliminary circularizing		1,000
Conference Expenses:		
Printing	\$ 1,000	
Auditorium, banquet, etc.	3,000	
Travel of participants	<u>11,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
		<u>\$ 55,000</u>